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Date: March 19, 1998 Presented by: Andy Cotugno

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ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 1998.

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# ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION HOUSE - SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REGIONAL POSITION PAPER April 9, 1998

The Oregon Congressional Delegation is to be congratulated on the work they have done to guide and shape the reauthorization of ISTEA. The House and Senate bills both represent major steps forward for transportation in Oregon and in the Portland metropolitan area.

Both ISTEA II and BESTEA address the major funding and policy concerns outlined by JPACT in Resolution 98-2606. Most significantly, both House and Senate measures represent a significant increase in funding for highway and transit programs. At the same time, both bills retain the major innovative advances achieved in the initial ISTEA legislation, including the continuation of flexible funding, the cooperative role of MPOs in decision-making and the integration of land use considerations in the evaluation of certain capital improvements.

## Federal lands--To be supplied by Jason Tell at ODOT

The most damaging proposals – a major rollback is flexible funding, devolution of federal transportation funding responsibility to the states and minimum allocation formulas for transit funding – were all defeated.

Significantly for the New Starts transit capital program, both the Senate and House adopted the blanket authorization proposal and avoided earmarking of dollar amounts for specific projects – a position this region had vigorously supported.

Just as significant, the House bill authorizes by name the Westside and South/North light rail projects for final design and construction. These are the region's top priorities. The Senate bill includes a national credit program which could be essential for South/North development.

As the House and Senate leadership prepare for Conference on this issue, the region would like to take the opportunity to reemphasize its priorities and to highlight conference items which will benefit the region and the state.

# I. Regional Priority Issues

1. Overall Funding Levels. Both House and Senate numbers represent a major advance in funding for transportation projects in Oregon and the Portland metropolitan region.

The region supports the House mark of \$218.3 billion which will facilitate the funding of critical projects here and throughout the state.

- 2. Innovative Financing. With the support of Senator Wyden, the Senate bill contains a title for the use of innovative financing mechanisms. No such title exists in the House bill. The Senate bill contains two amendments authored by Senator Wyden. The first would subject projects funded through innovative financing to environmental review. The second would allow the proceeds of a secured loan to be used for any non-federal share of project costs required under the highway or transit titles. The region thanks Senator Wyden for his efforts on this subject and supports the inclusion of the innovative financing provision in the conference report.
- 3. Highway Funding. Support House level of \$179.6 billion for highway programs.
- 4. State Highway Formula. Under the Senate bill, Oregon would receive 1.287% of highway formula funds. Under the House bill, the state would receive an allocation of 1.22%. The average annual allocation to Oregon under the House formula would be \$337 million, a \$124 million per year or 58 percent increase from ISTEA levels. The region urges the Oregon delegation to support the Senate position as a minimum.
- 5. Transit Program Funding. The region supports the Senate overall funding level for transit of \$41.3 billion. However, we are concerned that this figure represents \$31.6 billion of contract authority because of the general fund component included in the Senate figure. The region urges the conference committee to adopt the higher Senate figure and fund it, to the extent possible, through a trust fund allocation rather than with general fund dollars. The region does not support limiting transit expenditures to the level of trust fund income.
- 6. New Starts Funding. The region supports the Senate overall funding level for New Starts programs of \$7.8 billion but again notes that the inclusion of \$2.35 billion of general funds in this allocation reduced the contract authority below the House level of \$6 billion. The region urges the conference committee to adopt the higher Senate figure and fund it, to the extent possible, through a trust fund allocation rather than with general fund dollars.
- 7. New Starts Blanket Authority. The region strongly supports the blanket authority approach taken by both the House and Senate with respect to new starts projects. This approach of naming projects without dollar earmarks will allow FTA to evaluate and fund projects based on technical merit, the track record of sponsoring agencies, and the overall prospects for successful construction and operation of the project. Because the House bill specifically approves both the Westside and South/North Light Rail Projects for Final Design and Construction, the region urges the delegation to support the House language.

The region also supports the following provisions:

- Limiting to 8 percent the use of New Starts funds for preliminary engineering and MIS
- Modification of the 3(j) report to make it the main vehicle for moving projects from preliminary engineering to final design and from final design to FFGA status.
- The addition of new criteria for evaluating projects to consider population density and transit ridership in the corridor selected for a project.
- Authority for FTA to enter into an FFGA after the House and Senate have had 60 days to review the request. [This provision is contained in the House bill only].

Senator Wyden's efforts to include land use and transportation planning elements into the criteria for evaluating new starts projects is greatly appreciated by the region. We urge the conference to adopt Senator Wyden's language with respect to New Starts and land use.

In the event that project-by-project earmarks are pursued during the conference committee, it should be noted that the region requests \$36.8 million for the completion of the Westside LRT and \$487.1 million for the construction of the South/North Project.

# II. Regional Priority Projects

# A. JPACT Approved Projects

- 1. I-5 Corridor Designation. The House measure includes a designation of I-5 as a trade corridor of national significance. The designation will make the I-5 corridor eligible for special funding for capital improvements. The region supports the House position on this issue.
- 2. Completion of Westside/Hillsboro LRT authorized by name. As noted above, support House position approving Westside for completion.
- 3. South/North LRT authorized by name. As noted above, support House position approving South/North for final design and construction.
- 4. I-5/Highway 217/Kurse Way Interchange FHWA Demo Project. The region supports the House earmark of \$7 million for the construction of this project.
- 5. I-205/Sunnybrook Interchange FHWA Demo Project. The region supports the House earmark of \$20 million for the construction of this project.

- 6. South Rivergate Railroad Overcrossing FHWA Demo Project. The region supports the House earmark of \$13 million for the construction of this project.
- Lovejoy Ramp Removal- FHWA Demo. The region supports the House earmark of \$7.18 million for the Lovejoy ramp.
- 8. Broadway Bridge Rehabilitation -- Bridge Program. \$10 million for the rehabilitation of the Broadway Bridge.
- 9. Intelligent Transportation Systems. The region supports the House earmark of \$4.5 million for the installation of emitters and receiving equipment to facilitate movement of emergency and transit vehicles at key arterial intersections.
- 10. Buses. The region supports the House earmark of \$3.5 million for the acquisition of buses associated with Westside LRT opening.

# B. Congressional Priorities

- 1. Construct Tualatin-Sherwood Bypass FHWA Demo Project. The region supports the House earmark of \$500,000.
- 2. Upgrade Murray Boulevard FHWA Demo Project. The region supports the House earmark of \$5 million.
- 3. Upgrade Naito Parkway FHWA Demo Project. The region supports the House earmark of \$1.5 million.
- 4. MAX Pedestrian Improvements. The region supports the House earmark of \$1.28 million.
- 5. Clackamas County Multimodal Transportation Station. The region supports the House earmark of \$1.5 million.

# **III. Additional Policy Issues**

 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Enhancement funds. The House bill retains the CMAQ and Enhancement programs, but makes 50 percent of the increases in the programs above FY 97 levels eligible to be transferred to the National Highway System or the Surface Transportation Program for projects in nonattainment areas. The Senate bill retains CMAQ and Enhancements intact. The region urges the conference to oppose the House transferability provisions as undermining the original intent of the CMAQ and Enhancement programs to support projects that help reduce congestion, improve air quality and address non-highway transportation needs.

- 2. Variable/Value Pricing. The Senate bill authorizes up to 15 projects nationally. The House bill limits the number of projects to only three. We urge the delegation to support the Senate figure as a minimum.
- 3. Transportation and Community Assistance Pilot Program. Senator Wyden offered this amendment to create a land use pilot program to look at the relationship between transportation and community and system preservation. This will be a research program that would allocate monies to metropolitan planning organizations and local governments to communities that have instituted policies, such as urban growth boundaries, "green corridor" programs providing access to major highway corridors, etc. The region supports the inclusion of this provision in the conference report.
- 4. NEPA Streamlining. Senator Wyden's amendment to streamline the NEPA process is helpful and is supported by the region.
- Welfare to Work. The region supports the inclusion of welfare to work funding in the House and Senate legislation and urges the conference to adopt the Senate level of \$250 million. This funding will assist the region and the state in assisting in the implementation of the welfare reform legislation.

Issue	JPACT Resolution Ref.	Senate (ISTEA II - S. 1173)	House (BESTEA - H.R. 2400)	Conference Position
Regional Dirouting				
Total funding level	II(11) and (13)	\$214 billion	\$218.3 billion	Support House figure
Highway funding	II(11) and (13)	\$171 billion	\$179.6 billion	Support House figure
Transit funding	II(4)	\$41.3 billion (\$9.5 billion general fund)	\$36.7 billion (\$900 million general fund)	Support Senate figure, urge maximum trust fund allocation with general fund as second preference
Transit funding from Trust Fund (Contract Authority)	II(4)	\$31.8 billion	\$35.8 billion	Support House
New Starts funding	П(6)	\$7.8 billion (\$2.35 billion general fund)	\$6 billion	Support Senate figure, urge maximum trust fund allocation with general fund as second preference
New Starts funding from Trust Fund (Contract Authority)	II(6)	\$5.47 billion	\$6 billion	Support Senate figure, urge maximum trust fund allocation with general fund as second preference
Innovative financing (TIFIA, SIBs)	П(9)	Yes	No	Support Senate position
Variable/Value Pricing	П(10)	Up to 15 pilot projects	Limits to 3 Interstate projects	Support Senate position
Oregon's share of highway formula funds	II(12)	1.287%	1.22%	Support at a minimum the Senate share
New Starts "Blanket authority" approach	II(8)	Yes	Yes (Westside and South/North named without earmarks)	Support House position

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New Starts Program	II(6)			Support House language
Limiting PE to 8%		Yes	Yes	as it helps move the
FTA Project		Yes	Yes	FFGA process forward
selection				on a rational basis,
New population		Yes	Yes	allows FTA to select best
criteria				projects.
Land Use			ļ.	
considerations		Yes	No	Support Senate position
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I-5 Corridor Designation	II(15)	No	Yes	Support House position
Westside Authorized by	A(1)	No	Yes	Support House position
Name				
South/North Authorized	A(2)	No	Yes (one of 96 named	Support House position
by Name			without dollar earmark)	_
I-5/Hwy. 217/Kruse Way	B(1)	No	\$7 million	Support House position
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Overcrossing	· · · ·			
Broadway Bridge Rehab.		No	\$10 million	Support House position
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Intelligent Transportation	C(4)	No	\$4.5 million	Support House position
Systems				
Buses	C(5)	No	\$3.5 million	Support House position
Congressional domains				
Construct Tualatin-	None	No	\$500,000	Support House position
Sherwood Bypass				
Upgrade Murray Blvd.	None	No	\$5 million	Support House position
MAX-Ped in Gresham	None	No	\$1.28 million	Support House position

Issue	JPACT Resolution Ref.	Senate (ISTEA II - S. 1173)	House (BESTEA - H.R. 2400)	Conference Position
Clackamas County	None	No	\$600,000	Support House position
Multimodal				
Transportation Station				
Naito Parkway	None	No	\$1.5 million	Support House position
Other Poney Issues				
Land Use Grant	II(20)	Yes (Wyden	No	Support Senate position
Program		Amendment)		
CMAQ - 50% of	II(3)	No	Yes	Oppose. This provision
increase over 1997				undermines the original
levels may be				intent of CMAQ.
transferred to highway				
programs.				
Enhancements – 50% of	II(3)	No	Yes	Oppose. This provision
increase over 1996				undermines the original
levels may be				intent of Enhancements.
transferred to highway				
programs.				
Welfare to Work	None	\$250 million	\$150 million	Support Senate position
NEPA Streamlining	None	Yes	Yes	Support Senate position
Employee Transit Pass	None	Yes	No	Support Senate position
increase				_

There is a tremendous amount at stake for Oregon in the reauthorization of ISTEA. The amount of federal highway funds Oregon will receive each year over the life of the next bill will be determined largely by an annual highway apportionment formula. The Senate bill would increase Oregon's share of highway formula funds from 1.169% under ISTEA to 1.287%. The House bill would raise Oregon's share to 1.22%. The region has long supported eliminating Oregon's "Donor State" status and supports, at a minimum, the Senate share for Oregon.

The region also recognizes the importance of the Federal Lands Highways Program to the State of Oregon and supports retaining the current funding formula and the increased funding level in the Senate bill.

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Although not currently in either bill, efforts to limit the options available to states on the type of user fee used to finance transportation traditionally surfaces during Conference. The region strongly opposes limits on the state's ability to collect weight-mile taxes.

The House bill contains language that would "reopen" large portions of the bill in 2001. The region does not believe this language is necessary and is concerned that reopening the bill in three years may cause an interruption in federal funding. Interruptions in federal funding would be especially disruptive to large-scale projects, such as Light Rail Transit projects, that rely on commitments of federal funds over a number of years.

1	"(1) Program Administration.—
2	"(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may expend not to
3	exceed 2 percent of the Federal funds contributed to
4	an infrastructure bank established by the State under
5	this section to pay the reasonable costs of administer-
6	ing the bank.
7	"(2) Non-Federal Funds.—The limitation de-
8	scribed in paragraph (1) shall-not apply to non-Fed-
9	eral funds.".
10	(b) Conforming Amendment.—The analysis for
11	chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by
12	adding at the end the following:
	"162. State infrastructure bank program.".
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1	frastructure investment needs of the United States be-
2	cause of budgetary constraints at the Federal, State,
3	and local levels of government;
4	(3) major transportation infrastructure facilities
5	that address critical national needs, such as inter-
6	modal facilities, border crossings, and multistate
7	trade corridors, are of a scale that exceeds the capac-
8	ity of Federal and State assistance programs in effect
9	on the date of enactment of this Act;
10	(4) new investment capital can be attracted to
11	infrastructure projects that are capable of generating
12	their own revenue streams through user charges or
13	other dedicated funding sources; and
14	(5) a Federal credit program for projects of na-
15	tional significance can complement existing funding
16	resources by filling market gaps, thereby leveraging
17	substantial private co-investment.
18	SEC. 1313. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.
19	(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 23, United States
20	Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:
21	"SUBCHAPTER II—INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE
22	"§181. Definitions
23	"In this subchapter:
24	"(1) ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS.—The term 'eli-
25	gible project costs' means amounts substantially all of

1	which are paid by, or for the account of, an obligor
2	in connection with a project, including the cost of-
3	"(A) development phase activities, including
4	planning, feasibility analysis, revenue forecast-
5	ing, environmental review, permitting, prelimi-
6	nary engineering and design work, and other
7	preconstruction activities;
8	``(B) construction, reconstruction, rehabili-
9	tation, replacement, and acquisition of real
10	property (including land related to the project
11	and improvements to land), environmental miti-
12	gation, construction contingencies, and acquisi-
13	tion of equipment; and
14	"(C) capitalized interest necessary to meet
15	market requirements, reasonably required reserve
16	funds, capital issuance expenses, and other car-
17	rying costs during construction.
18	"(2) FEDERAL CREDIT INSTRUMENT.—The term
19	'Federal credit instrument' means a secured loan,
20	loan guarantee, or line of credit authorized to be
21	made available under this subchapter with respect to
22	a project.
23	"(3) LENDER.—The term 'lender' means any
24	non-Federal qualified institutional buyer (as defined
25	in section 230.144A(a) of title 17, Code of Federal

1	Regulations (or any successor regulation), known as
2	Rule 144A(a) of the Securities and Exchange Com-
3	mission and issued under the Securities Act of 1933
4	(15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.)), including-
5	``(A) a qualified retirement plan (as defined
6	in section 4974(c) of the Internal Revenue Code
7	of 1986) that is a qualified institutional buyer;
8	and
9	``(B) a governmental plan (as defined in
10	section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of
11	1986) that is a qualified institutional buyer.
12	"(4) LINE OF CREDIT.—The term 'line of credit'
13	means an agreement entered into by the Secretary
14	with an obligor under section 184 to provide a direct
15	loan at a future date upon the occurrence of certain
16	events.
17	"(5) LOAN GUARANTEE.—The term 'loan guar-
18	antee' means any guarantee or other pledge by the
19	Secretary to pay all or part of the principal of and
20	interest on a loan or other debt obligation issued by
21	an obligor and funded by a lender.
22	"(6) LOCAL SERVICER.—The term 'local servicer'
23	means
24	"(A) a State infrastructure bank established
25	under this title; or

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1	"(B) a State or local government or any
2	agency of a State or local government that is re-
3	sponsible for servicing a Federal credit instru-
4	ment on behalf of the Secretary.
5	"(7) OBLIGOR.—The term 'obligor' means a
6	party primarily liable for payment of the principal
7	of or interest on a Federal credit instrument, which
8	party may be a corporation, partnership, joint ven-
9	ture, trust, or governmental entity, agency, or instru-
10	mentality.
11	"(8) PROJECT.—The term 'project' means—
12	"(A) any surface transportation project eli-
13	gible for Federal assistance under this title or
14	chapter 53 of title 49; and
15	``(B) a project for an international bridge
16	or tunnel for which an international entity au-
17	thorized under State or Federal law is respon-
18	sible.
19	"(9) PROJECT OBLIGATION.—The term 'project
20	obligation' means any note, bond, debenture, or other
21	debt obligation issued by an obligor in connection
22	with the financing of a project, other than a Federal
23	credit instrument.
24	"(10) SECURED LOAN.—The term 'secured loan'
25	means a direct loan or other debt obligation issued by

1	an obligor and funded by the Secretary in connection
2	with the financing of a project under section 183.
3	"(11) STATE.—The term 'State' has the meaning
4	given the term in section 101.
5	"(12) SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION.—The term
6	'substantial completion' means the opening of $a$
7	project to vehicular or passenger traffic.
8	"§182. Determination of eligibility and project selec-
9	tion
10	"(a) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive financial
11	assistance under this subchapter, a project shall meet the
12	following criteria:
13	"(1) Inclusion in transportation plans and
14	PROGRAMS.—The project—
15	"(A) shall be included in the State trans-
16	portation plan required under section 135; and
17	(B) at such time as an agreement to make
18	available a Federal credit instrument is entered
19	into under this subchapter, shall be included in
20	the approved State transportation improvement
21	program required under section 134.
22	"(2) APPLICATION.—A State, a local servicer
23	identified under section 185(a), or the entity under-
24	taking the project shall submit a project application
25	to the Secretary.

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1	"(3) ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS.—
2	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
3	subparagraph (B), to be eligible for assistance
4	under this subchapter, a project shall have eligi-
5	ble project costs that are reasonably anticipated
6	to equal or exceed the lesser of—
7	"(i) \$100,000,000; or
8	"(ii) 50 percent-of the amount of Fed-
9	eral highway assistance funds apportioned
10	for the most recently-completed fiscal year
11	to the State in which the project is located.
12	"(B) INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYS-
13	TEM PROJECTS.—In the case of a project prin-
14	cipally involving the installation of an intel-
15	ligent transportation system, eligible project costs
16	shall be reasonably anticipated to equal or exceed
17	\$30,000,000.
18	"(4) DEDICATED REVENUE SOURCES.—Project
19	financing shall be repayable, in whole or in part,
20	from tolls, user fees, or other dedicated revenue
21	sources.
22	"(5) PUBLIC SPONSORSHIP OF PRIVATE ENTI-
23	TIES.—In the case of a project that is undertaken by
24	an entity that is not a State or local government or
25	an agency or instrumentality of a State or local gov-

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1	ernment, the project that the entity is undertaking
2	shall be publicly sponsored as provided in paragraphs
3	(1) and (2).
4	"(b) Selection Among Eligible Projects.—
5	"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
6	tablish criteria for selecting among projects that meet
7	the eligibility criteria specified in subsection (a).
8	"(2) Selection criteria.—The selection cri-
9	teria shall include the following:
10	"(A) The extent to which the project is na-
11	tionally or regionally significant, in terms of
12	generating economic benefits, supporting inter-
13	national commerce, or otherwise enhancing the
14	national transportation system.
15	(B) The creditworthiness of the project, in-
16	cluding a determination by the Secretary that
17	any financing for the project has appropriate se-
18	curity features, such as a rate covenant, to en-
19	sure repayment. The Secretary shall require each
20	project applicant to provide a preliminary rat-
21	ing opinion letter from a nationally recognized
22	bond rating agency.
23	"(C) The extent to which assistance under
24	this subchapter would foster innovative public-

1	private partnerships and attract private debt or
2	equity investment.
3	"(D) The likelihood that assistance under
4	this subchapter would enable the project to pro-
5	ceed at an earlier date than the project would
6	otherwise be able to proceed.
7	((E) The extent to which the project uses
8	new technologies, including intelligent transpor-
9	tation systems, that enhance the efficiency of the
10	project.
11	``(F) The amount of budget authority re-
12	quired to fund the Federal credit instrument
13	made available under this subchapter.
14	"(G) The extent to which the project helps
15	maintain or protect the environment.
16	"(H) The extent to which assistance under
17	this chapter would reduce the contribution of
18	Federal grant assistance to the project.
19	"(c) Federal Requirements.—The following provi-
20	sions of law shall apply to funds made available under this
21	subchapter and projects assisted with the funds:
22	"(1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42
23	U.S.C. 2000d et seq.).
24	"(2) The National Environmental Policy Act of
25	1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

1	"(3) The Uniform Relocation Assistance and
2	Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42
3	U.S.C. 4601 et seq.).
4	"§183. Secured loans
5	"(a) IN GENERAL.—
6	"(1) AGREEMENTS.—Subject to paragraph (2),
7	the Secretary may enter into agreements with 1 or
8	more obligors to make secured loans, the proceeds of
9	which shall be used—
10	"(A) to finance eligible project costs; or
11	"(B) to refinance interim construction $fi$ -
12	nancing of eligible project costs;
13	of any project selected under section 182.
14	"(2) LIMITATION ON REFINANCING OF INTERIM
15	CONSTRUCTION FINANCING.—A loan under paragraph
16	(1) shall not refinance interim construction financing
17	under paragraph $(1)(B)$ later than 1 year after the
18	date of substantial completion of the project.
19	"(b) TERMS AND LIMITATIONS.—
20	"(1) IN GENERAL.—A secured loan under this
21	section with respect to a project shall be on such terms
22	and conditions and contain such covenants, represen-
23	tations, warranties, and requirements (including re-
24	quirements for audits) as the Secretary determines
25	appropriate.

1	"(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The amount of the se-
2	cured loan shall not exceed 33 percent of the reason-
3	ably anticipated eligible project costs.
4	"(3) PAYMENT.—The secured loan—
5	"(A) shall—
6	"(i) be payable, in whole or in part,
7	from tolls, user fees, or other dedicated reve-
8	nue sources; and
9	"(ii) include a rate covenant, coverage
10	requirement, or similar security feature
11	supporting the project obligations; and
12	"(B) may have a lien on revenues described
13	in subparagraph (A) subject to any lien securing
14	project obligations.
15	"(4) INTEREST RATE.—The interest rate on the
16	secured loan shall be not less than the yield on mar-
17	ketable United States Treasury securities of a similar
18	maturity to the maturity of the secured loan on the
19	date of execution of the loan agreement.
20	"(5) MATURITY DATE.—The final maturity date
21	of the secured loan shall be not later than 35 years
22	after the date of substantial completion of the project.
23	"(6) NONSUBORDINATION.—The secured loan
24	shall not be subordinated to the claims of any holder

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1	of project obligations in the event of bankruptcy, in-
2	solvency, or liquidation of the obligor.
3	"(7) FEES.—The Secretary may establish fees at
4	a level sufficient to cover all or a portion of the costs
5	to the Federal Government of making a secured loan
6	under this section.
7	"(8) Non-federal share.—The proceeds of a
8	secured loan under this subchapter may be used for
9	any non-Federal share of project costs required under
10	this title or chapter 53 of title 49, if the loan is re-
11	payable from non-Federal funds.
12	"(c) Repayment.—
13	"(1) SCHEDULE.—The Secretary shall establish
14	a repayment schedule for each secured loan under this
15	section based on the projected cash flow from project
16	revenues and other repayment sources.
17	"(2) Commencement.—Scheduled loan repay-
18	ments of principal or interest on a secured loan under
19	this section shall commence not later than 5 years
20	after the date of substantial completion of the project.
21	"(3) Sources of repayment funds.—The
22	sources of funds for scheduled loan repayments under
23	this section shall include tolls, user fees, or other dedi-
24	cated revenue sources.
25	"(4) Deferred payments.—

1	"(A) AUTHORIZATION.—If, at any time
2	during the 10 years after the date of substantial
3	completion of the project, the project is unable to
4	generate sufficient revenues to pay scheduled
5	principal and interest on the secured loan, the
6	Secretary may, pursuant to established criteria
7	for the project agreed to by the entity undertak-
8	ing the project and the Secretary, allow the obli-
9	gor to add unpaid principal and interest to the
10	outstanding balance of the secured loan.
11	"(B) INTEREST.—Any payment deferred
12	under subparagraph (A) shall—
13	"(i) continue to accrue interest in ac-
14	cordance with subsection $(b)(4)$ until fully
15	repaid; and
16	"(ii) be scheduled to be amortized over
17	the remaining term of the loan beginning
18	not later than 10 years after the date of
19	substantial completion of the project in ac-
20	cordance with paragraph (1).
21	"(5) Prepayment.—
22	"(A) Use of excess revenues.—Any ex-
23	cess revenues that remain after satisfying sched-
24	uled debt service requirements on the project obli-
25	gations and secured loan and all deposit require-

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1 ments under the terms of any trust agreement. 2 bond resolution, or similar agreement securing 3 project obligations may be applied annually to 4 prepay the secured loan without penalty. 5 "(B) USE OF PROCEEDS OF REFINANC-6 ING.—The secured loan may be prepaid at any 7 time without penalty from the proceeds of refi-8 nancing from non-Federal funding sources.

9 "(d) SALE OF SECURED LOANS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), as
soon as practicable after substantial completion of a
project and after notifying the obligor, the Secretary
may sell to another entity or reoffer into the capital
markets a secured loan for the project if the Secretary
determines that the sale or reoffering can be made on
favorable terms.

17 "(2) CONSENT OF OBLIGOR.—In making a sale
18 or reoffering under paragraph (1), the Secretary may
19 not change the original terms and conditions of the
20 secured loan without the written consent of the obli21 gor.

22 "(e) LOAN GUARANTEES.—

23 "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide
24 a loan guarantee to a lender in lieu of making a se25 cured loan if the Secretary determines that the budg-

etary cost of the loan guarantee is substantially the
 same as that of a secured loan.

3 "(2) TERMS.—The terms of a guaranteed loan
4 shall be consistent with the terms set forth in this sec5 tion for a secured loan, except that the rate on the
6 guaranteed loan and any prepayment features shall
7 be negotiated between the obligor and the lender, with
8 the consent of the Secretary.

# 9 "§184. Lines of credit

10 "(a) IN GENERAL.—

"(1) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter
into agreements to make available lines of credit to 1
or more obligors in the form of direct loans to be
made by the Secretary at future dates on the occurrence of certain events for any project selected under
section 182.

17 "(2) USE OF PROCEEDS.—The proceeds of a line
18 of credit made available under this section shall be
19 available to pay debt service on project obligations
20 issued to finance eligible project costs, extraordinary
21 repair and replacement costs, operation and mainte22 nance expenses, and costs associated with unexpected
23 Federal or State environmental restrictions.

24 "(b) TERMS AND LIMITATIONS.—

1	"(1) IN GENERAL.—A line of credit under this
2	section with respect to a project shall be on such terms
3	and conditions and contain such covenants, represen-
4	tations, warranties, and requirements (including re-
5	quirements for audits) as the Secretary determines
6	appropriate.
7	"(2) Maximum amounts.—
8	"(A) TOTAL AMOUNT.—The total amount of
9	the line of credit shall not exceed 33 percent of
10	the reasonably anticipated eligible project costs.
11	"(B) ONE-YEAR DRAWS.—The amount
12	drawn in any 1 year shall not exceed 20 percent
13	of the total amount of the line of credit.
14	"(3) DRAWS.—Any draw on the line of credit
15	shall represent a direct loan and shall be made only
16	if net revenues from the project (including capitalized
17	interest, any debt service reserve fund, and any other
18	available reserve) are insufficient to pay the costs
19	specified in subsection (a)(2).
20	"(4) INTEREST RATE.—The interest rate on a di-
21	rect loan resulting from a draw on the line of credit
22	shall be not less than the yield on 30-year marketable
23	United States Treasury securities as of the date on
24	which the line of credit is obligated.
25	"(5) Security.—The line of credit—

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1	"(A) shall—
2	"(i) be payable, in whole or in part,
3	. from tolls, user fees, or other dedicated reve-
4	nue sources; and
5	"(ii) include a rate covenant, coverage
6	requirement, or similar security feature
7	supporting the project obligations; and
8	"(B) may have a lien on revenues described
9	in subparagraph (A) subject to any lien securing
10	project obligations.
11	"(6) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—The line of
12	credit shall be available during the period beginning
13	on the date of substantial completion of the project
14	and ending not later than 10 years after that date.
15	"(7) RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTY CREDITORS.—
16	"(A) AGAINST FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—A
17	third party creditor of the obligor shall not have
18	any right against the Federal Government with
19	respect to any draw on the line of credit.
20	"(B) ASSIGNMENT.—An obligor may assign
21	the line of credit to 1 or more lenders or to a
22	trustee on the lenders' behalf.
23	"(8) NONSUBORDINATION.—A direct loan under
24	this section shall not be subordinated to the claims of

1	any holder of project obligations in the event of bank-
2	ruptcy, insolvency, or liquidation of the obligor.
3	"(9) FEES.—The Secretary may establish fees at
4	a level sufficient to cover all or a portion of the costs
5	to the Federal Government of providing a line of cred-
6	it under this section.
7	"(10) Relationship to other credit instru-
8	MENTS.—A project that receives a line of credit under
9	this section shall not also receive a secured loan or
10	loan guarantee under section 183 of an amount that,
11	combined with the amount of the line of credit, ex-
12	ceeds 33 percent of eligible project costs.
13	"(c) REPAYMENT.—
14	"(1) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary
15	shall establish repayment terms and conditions for
16	each direct loan under this section based on the pro-
17	jected cash flow from project revenues and other re-
18	payment sources.
19	"(2) TIMING.—All scheduled repayments of prin-
20	cipal or interest on a direct loan under this section
21	shall commence not later than 5 years after the end
22	of the period of availability specified in subsection
23	(b)(6) and be fully repaid, with interest, by the date
24	that is 25 years after the end of the period of avail-
25	ability specified in subsection (b)(6).

"(3) SOURCES OF REPAYMENT FUNDS.—The
 sources of funds for scheduled loan repayments under
 this section shall include tolls, user fees, or other dedi cated revenue sources.

#### 5 "§185. Project servicing

6 "(a) REQUIREMENT.—The State in which a project 7 that receives financial assistance under this subchapter is 8 located may identify a local servicer to assist the Secretary 9 in servicing the Federal credit instrument made available 10 under this subchapter.

11 "(b) AGENCY; FEES.—If a State identifies a local
12 servicer under subsection (a), the local servicer—

13 "(1) shall act as the agent for the Secretary; and
14 "(2) may receive a servicing fee, subject to ap15 proval by the Secretary.

16 "(c) LIABILITY.—A local servicer identified under sub17 section (a) shall not be liable for the obligations of the obli18 gor to the Secretary or any lender.

19 "(d) ASSISTANCE FROM EXPERT FIRMS.—The Sec20 retary may retain the services of expert firms in the field
21 of municipal and project finance to assist in the underwrit22 ing and servicing of Federal credit instruments.

### 23 "§186. State and local permits

24 "The provision of financial assistance under this sub25 chapter with respect to a project shall not—

1	"(1) relieve any recipient of the assistance of any
2	obligation to obtain any required State or local per-
3	mit or approval with respect to the project;
4	"(2) limit the right of any unit of State or local
5	government to approve or regulate any rate of return
6	on private equity invested in the project; or
7	"(3) otherwise supersede any State or local law
8	(including any regulation) applicable to the construc-
9	tion or operation of the project.
10	"§187. Regulations
11	"The Secretary may issue such regulations as the Sec-
12	retary determines appropriate to carry out this subchapter.
13	"§188. Funding
14	"(a) AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—
15	"(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be available from
16	the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Tran-
17	sit Account) to carry out this subchapter—
18	''(A) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 1998;
19	"(B) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 1999;
20	"(C) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2000;
21	"(D) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;
22	"(E) \$115,000,000 for fiscal year 2002; and
23	"(F) \$115,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.
24	"(2) Administrative costs.—From funds
25	made available under paragraph (1), the Secretary

1	may use, for the administration of this subchapter,
2	not more than \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years
3	1998 through 2003.
4	"(3) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available
5	under paragraph (1) shall remain available until ex-
6	pended.
7	"(b) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—
8	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
9	provision of law, approval by the Secretary of a Fed-
10	eral credit instrument that uses funds made available
11	under this subchapter shall be deemed to be accept-
12	ance by the United States of a contractual obligation
13	to fund the Federal credit instrument.
14	"(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized under
15	this section for a fiscal year shall be available for ob-
16	ligation on October 1 of the fiscal year.
17	"(c) Limitations on Credit Amounts.—For each of
18	fiscal years 1998 through 2003, principal amounts of Fed-
19	eral credit instruments made available under this sub-
20	chapter shall be limited to the amounts specified in the fol-
21	lowing table:
	"Fiscal year: Maximum amount of credit:

"Fiscal year:	of credit:
1998	\$1,200,000,000
1999	\$1,200,000,000
2000	\$1,800,000,000
2001	\$1,800,000,000
2002	\$2,300,000,000
2003	<b>\$2,3</b> 00,000,000.

2 "(a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby imposed on any
3 recipient of a Federal credit instrument an annual fee equal
4 to the applicable percentage of the average outstanding Fed5 eral credit instrument amount made available to the recipi6 ent during the year under this subchapter.

7 "(b) TIME OF IMPOSITION.—The fee described in sub8 section (a) shall be imposed on the annual anniversary dāte
9 of the receipt of the Federal credit instrument.

10 "(c) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For the purposes of
11 subsection (a), the applicable percentage is, with respect to
12 an annual anniversary date occurring in—

13 "(1) any of fiscal years 1999 through 2003,
14 1.9095 percent; and

"(2) any fiscal year after 2003, 0.5144 percent.
"(d) TERMINATION.—The fee imposed by this section
shall not apply with respect to annual anniversary dates
occurring after September 30, 2008.

"(e) DEPOSIT OF RECEIPTS.—The fees collected by the
Secretary under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

23 "§190. Report to Congress

24 "Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment
25 of this subchapter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress
26 a report summarizing the financial performance of the s 1173 OPS

1	projects that are receiving, or have received, assistance
2	under this subchapter, including a recommendation as to
3	whether the objectives of this subchapter are best served—
4	"(1) by continuing the program under the au-
5	thority of the Secretary;
6	"(2) by establishing a Government corporation
7	or Government-sponsored enterprise to administer the
8	program; or
9	"(3) by phasing out the program and relying on
10	the capital markets to fund the types of infrastructure
11	investments assisted by this subchapter without Fed-
12	eral participation.".
13	(b) Conforming Amendments.—Chapter 1 of title
14	23, United States Code, is amended—
15	(1) in the analysis—
16	(A) by inserting before "Sec." the following:
	"SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS";
17	and
18	(B) by adding at the end the following:
	"SUBCHAPTER II—INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE
	<ul> <li>"181. Definitions.</li> <li>"182. Determination of eligibility and project selection.</li> <li>"183. Secured loans.</li> <li>"184. Lines of credit.</li> <li>"185. Project servicing.</li> <li>"186. State and local permits.</li> <li>"187. Regulations.</li> <li>"188. Funding.</li> <li>"189. Imposition of annual fee on recipients.</li> <li>"190. Report to Congress.";</li> </ul>

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and

1	(2) by inserting before section 101 the following:
2	"SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS".
3	SEC. 1314. OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE.
4	(a) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—Section 301 of title
5	49, United States Code, is amended—
6	(1) in paragraph (7), by striking "and" at the
7	end;
8	(2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at
9	the end and inserting "; and"; and
10	(3) by adding at the end the following:
11	"(9) develop and coordinate Federal policy on fi-
12	nancing transportation infrastructure, including the
13	provision of direct Federal credit assistance and other
14	techniques used to leverage Federal transportation
15	funds.".
16	(b) Office of Infrastructure Finance.—
17	(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 49, United
18	States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
19	lowing:
20	"§113. Office of Infrastructure Finance
21	"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Transpor-
22	tation shall establish within the Office of the Secretary an
23	Office of Infrastructure Finance.

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"(b) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by a Di rector who shall be appointed by the Secretary not later
 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section.
 "(c) FUNCTIONS.—The Director shall be responsible
 for—

6 "(1) carrying out the responsibilities of the Sec7 retary described in section 301(9);

8 "(2) carrying out research on financing trans-9 portation infrastructure, including educational pro-10 grams and other initiatives to support Federal, State, 11 and local government efforts; and

"(3) providing technical assistance to Federal,
State, and local government agencies and officials to
facilitate the development and use of alternative techniques for financing transportation infrastructure.".

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
17 chapter 1 of title 49, United States Code, is amended
18 by adding at the end the following:

"113. Office of Infrastructure Finance.".

19 Subtitle D—Safety

#### 20 SEC. 1401. OPERATION LIFESAVER.

21 Section 104 of title 23, United States Code (as amend22 ed by section 1102(a)), is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) of
subsection (b), by striking "subsection (f)" and insert-

25 ing "subsections (d) and (f)"; and

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There is a tremendous amount at stake for Oregon in the reauthorization of ISTEA. The amount of federal highway funds Oregon will receive each year over the life of the next bill will be determined largely by an annual highway apportionment formula. The Senate bill would increase Oregon's share of highway formula funds from 1.169% under ISTEA to 1.287%. The House bill would raise Oregon's share to 1.22%. The region has long supported eliminating Oregon's "Donor State" status and supports, at a minimum, the Senate share for Oregon.

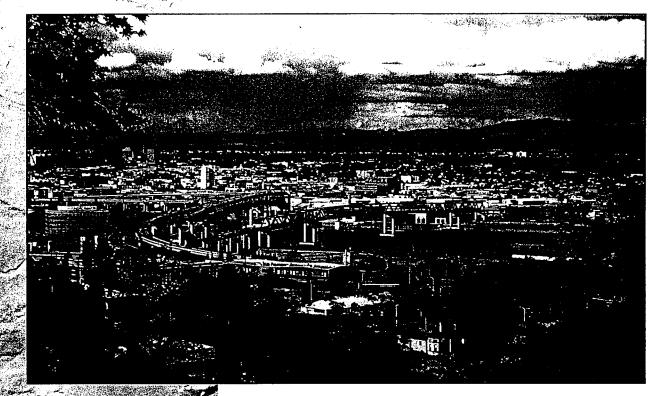
The region also recognizes the importance of the Federal Lands Highways Program to the State of Oregon and supports retaining the current funding formula and the increased funding level in the Senate bill.

Although not currently in either bill, efforts to limit the options available to states on the type of user fee used to finance transportation traditionally surfaces during Conference. The region strongly opposes limits on the state's ability to collect weight-mile taxes.

The House bill contains language that would "reopen" large portions of the bill in 2001. The region does not believe this language is necessary and is concerned that reopening the bill in three years may cause an interruption in federal funding. Interruptions in federal funding would be especially disruptive to large-scale projects, such as Light Rail Transit projects, that rely on commitments of federal funds over a number of years.

# South/North Corridor Light Rail Project





### Metro Council Briefing Book

Portland, Oregon

March 1998

### South/North Light Rail Project Highly Rated by Federal Transit Administration

FTA rates each light rail project in the country in its annual New Start Report to Congress. In the 1998 Report, which is about to be released, FTA concludes the South/North Light Rail Project:

- Rates "High" for its integration with surrounding land uses. Only two projects received this rating.
- Rates "High" for stability and reliability of its capital financing plan. Only one project received this rating in the 1997 Report.
- Rates "Medium-High" for the stability and reliability of its operating financing plan. No project received a rating this high in the 1997 Report.
- Produces **33% faster transit travel times** than an expanded bus network.
- Produces **39,100 more daily transit rides** than an expanded bus network.
- Produces **\$50 and \$100 million/year travel time savings** for highway and transit users compared to the TSM and No-Build options, respectively.
- Reduces air quality emissions and supports the region's Air Quality Maintenance Plan.

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### Benefits of the South/North Light Rail Project

The Portland region is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the United States with more than 500,000 new residents projected over the next 20 years. The South/North Light Rail Project represents one of many improvements to the region's transportation system that are being considered by local and regional jurisdictions to address this growth. Following is a summary of the estimated benefits that would result from the South/North Project.

### **Transit Benefits**

- Light Rail Ridership. The South/North Project would carry 68,000 light rail riders on a weekday in 2015.
- Transit Ridership. Weekday transit ridership in the corridor (both bus and light rail) would increase by 37,800 rides in 2015 (a 30% increase).
- Downtown Portland. Weekday transit ridership into downtown Portland from the corridor would increase by 40% with South/North Light Rail, reducing demand for parking in downtown by over 3,700 spaces.
- New Radial Trips. With the South/North Project, 49% of new radial trips in the corridor would be taken by transit, compared to 6% with an all-bus system. (A new radial trip is any trip added from today to 2015 and between the corridor and downtown Portland.)
- **Travel Times.** Transit travel times between key activity centers in the corridor during the rush hour would be over 30% faster with light rail than with an all-bus system. For example a trip from downtown Portland to the Clackamas Town Center would take 28 minutes by light rail rather than 42 minutes by bus, and a trip from downtown Portland to downtown Vancouver would take 27 minutes on light rail compared to 40 minutes by bus.
- **Reliability.** Transit reliability would be significantly improved with South/North Light Rail. Approximately 40 percent of the corridor's transit riders would enjoy the reliability of light rail service separated from congested road and highway traffic.
- **Capacity.** South/North Light Rail would carry over 3,000 rides north from downtown Portland during the evening rush hour, the equivalent of 1.5 freeway lanes. The light rail line would have the capacity to carry an additional 3,000 rush hour rides, bringing the capacity of the line to three freeway lanes leaving downtown Portland in both directions.
- Light Rail System. The South/North Project, together with the existing MAX line and the Westside/Hillsboro and airport extensions, would establish a light rail system in the region.

#### Highway and Roadway Benefits

- Auto Travel Times. Rush hour travel times by automobile between key activity centers in the corridor would be 3 to 9 percent faster with the South/North Project.
- **Congestion.** South/North Light Rail would result in 16 fewer lane miles of congested roadway in the region per day in 2015. Commuters in cars would spend 4,500 fewer hours stalled each day in rush hour traffic.

- Auto Travel. Automobile travel in the region would be reduced by 213,000 miles per day.
- Avoid Cost and Impacts of New Highway Capacity. The South/North Project would reduce the need to add additional freeway and highway capacity in the corridor, and thus would avoid the high cost and impacts that would be associated with a major roadway expansion project. For example, ODOT estimated that it would cost over \$3 billion to expand SE McLoughlin Boulevard to a six-lane freeway with improvements to I-405 and Highway 224, which would expand the person-carrying capacity of SE McLoughlin Boulevard by 3,000 persons per hour, compared to the South/North Project's 6,000 person-carrying capacity.

### **Growth Management**

- Leverage Public Funds. The South/North Project would attract local private developments to many of the project's station areas (in accordance with local land use plans), leveraging public funds with private investments and helping to meet regional and local goals of attracting higher-use development in major activity centers while preserving existing single-family neighborhoods. For example, since it opened in 1987, over \$1.3 billion in new development has been constructed adjacent to Eastside MAX stations in major activity centers like the Rose Quarter and the Lloyd District, while established residential neighborhoods have retained their original character.
- Accommodate Growth. The South/North Project would provide light rail access to over 430 acres of developable land located within the urban area.
- Urban Design. The South/North Project is an important tool that would be used by regional and local governments to better serve high-use travel corridors and major activity centers (e.g. offices, manufacturing and retail) that are vital components of our jobs and housing base.

### Air Quality and Energy

- Air Quality. The South/North Project would reduce air pollution by over 1,000 tons per year in 2015, and would reduce carbon dioxide emissions (a greenhouse gas) by over 37,000 tons per year.
- Energy. South/North Light Rail would save over 11,000 gallons of gasoline per day in 2015.

### **Economic Benefits**

- Value of Travel Time Savings. The South/North Project would result in a 4.5 million hour annual reduction in transit, automobile and truck travel times, a savings valued at \$50 million per year (using Federal standards for the value of travel time).
- Jobs. Construction of the South/North Project would create approximately 15,000 person-year jobs to the region.
- **Construction Costs.** The full South/North Project would cost approximately \$2.3 billion in future dollars to construct. The initial construction segment from the Clackamas Regional Center to the Rose Quarter would cost approximately \$1 billion in future dollars to construct.

Note: All benefits are for the Full-Length Alternative, in the year 2015, compared to an all-bus system.

# Purpose and Need

- Past Growth (1975 to 1995)
  - 45% Increase in Population, 1975 to 1995
  - 48% Increase in Employment, 1975 to 1995 40% Higher Than National Average

### • Future Growth

- 720,000 New Residents by 2040
- Regional Centers to Absorb Growth
- Balanced, Efficient Transportation System Needed for Livability and Economy
- Highway and Transit Problems Associated with Growth
  - 64% Increase in Travel by 2015
  - 268% Increase in Congested Road Miles
  - Slower Bus Speeds
  - Higher Operating Costs





# Alternatives to Address Problems

# **First Screening:**

- All-Bus
- Busways
- River Transit
- Commuter Rail
- Light Rail Selected for Further Study

# **DEIS Analysis:**

- All-Bus
- Light Rail and Bus
  - Length of Project
  - Alignments



# Transit Benefits Weekday - 2015



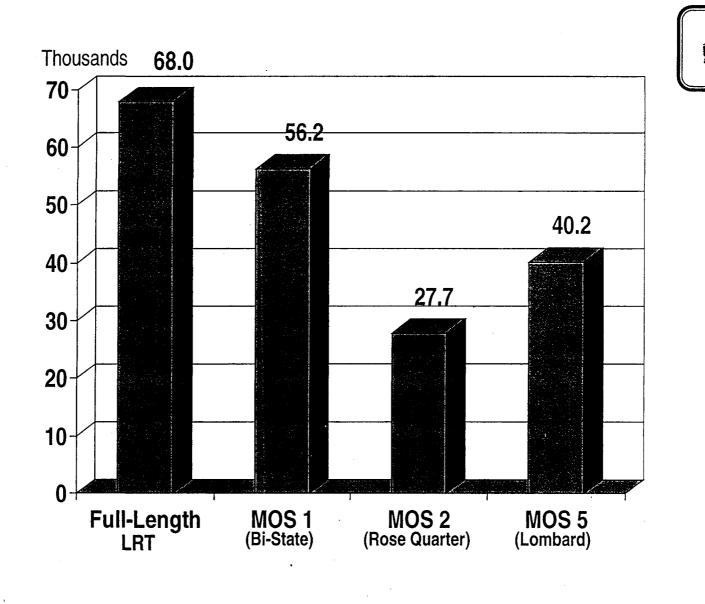
# South/North Light Rail Would:

- Carry 68,000 Light Rail Rides Per Day
- Attract 38,000 New Transit Rides Per Day (A 30% Increase)
- Provide Over 30% Faster Travel Times Than Buses
- Carry 3,000 Riders at Peak-Load Point = 1.5 Freeway Lanes with Capacity to Grow to 3 Lanes in Each Direction
- Provide Twice the New Capacity at 1/3 the Cost of Expanding Highway Facilities in the Corridor
- Reduce Gasoline Consumption by 11,000 Gallons Per Day
- Reduce Air Quality Emissions by 1,000 Tons Per Year





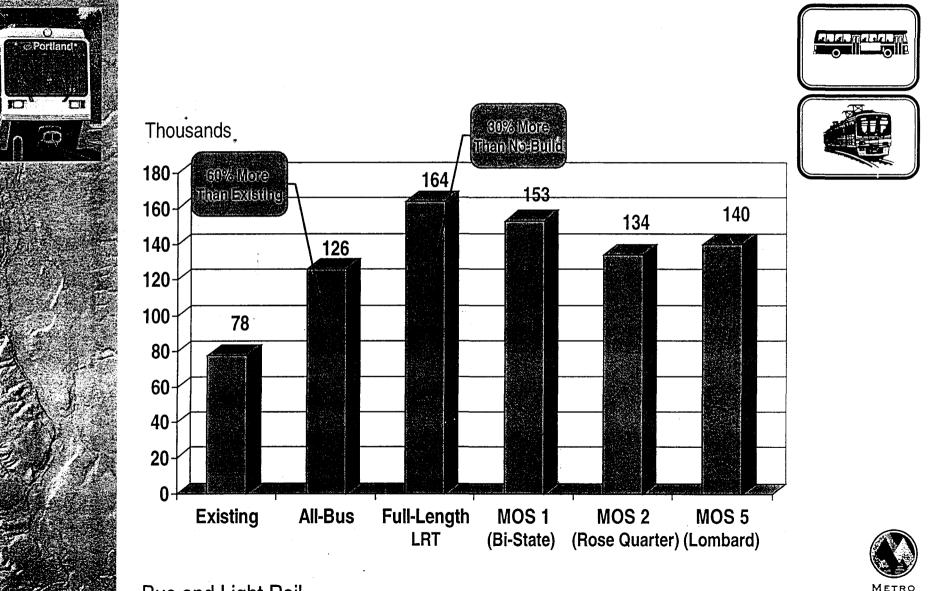
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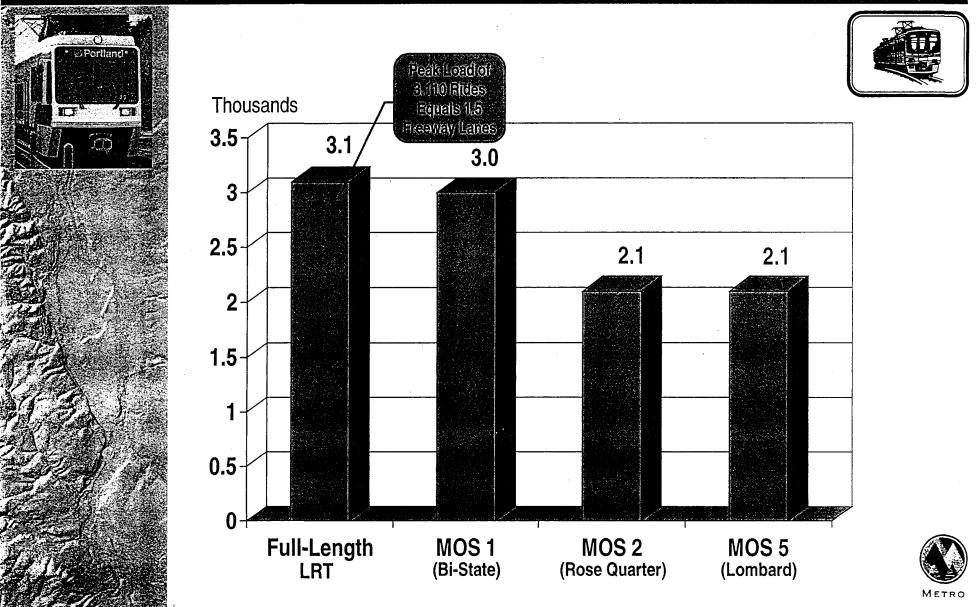


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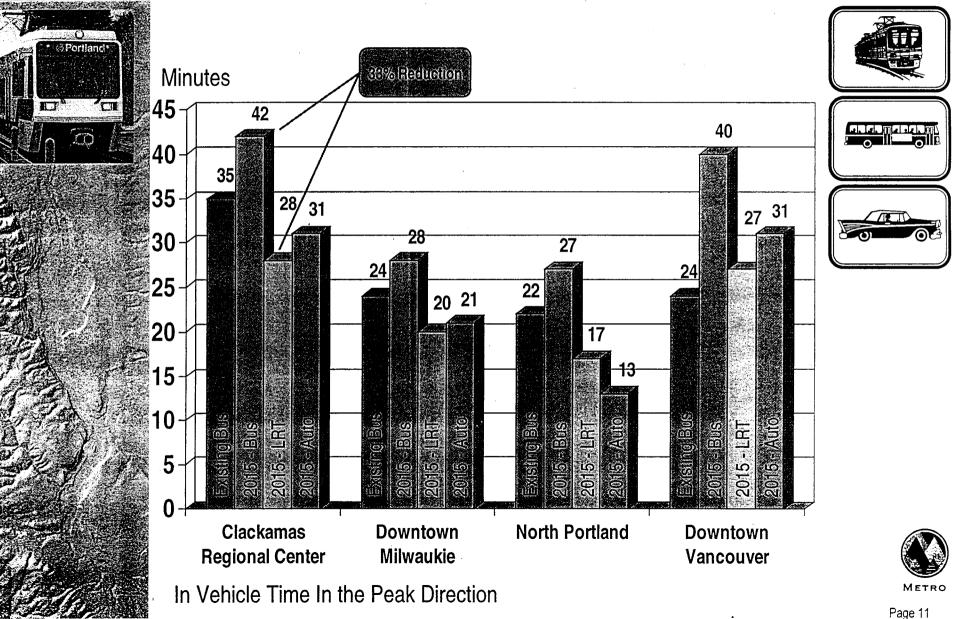
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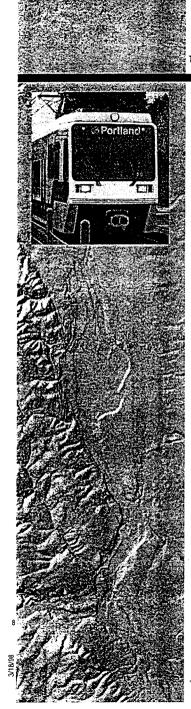
# South/North Peak Load Ridership Peak Hour LRT - 2015



# **Rush Hour Travel Times**

#### Weekday from Downtown Portland - 2015 Corridor Study





# **Value of Travel Time Savings**

### **Annual Savings - 2015**

# Total Savings for All Trips and Modes: \$50 Million Per Year

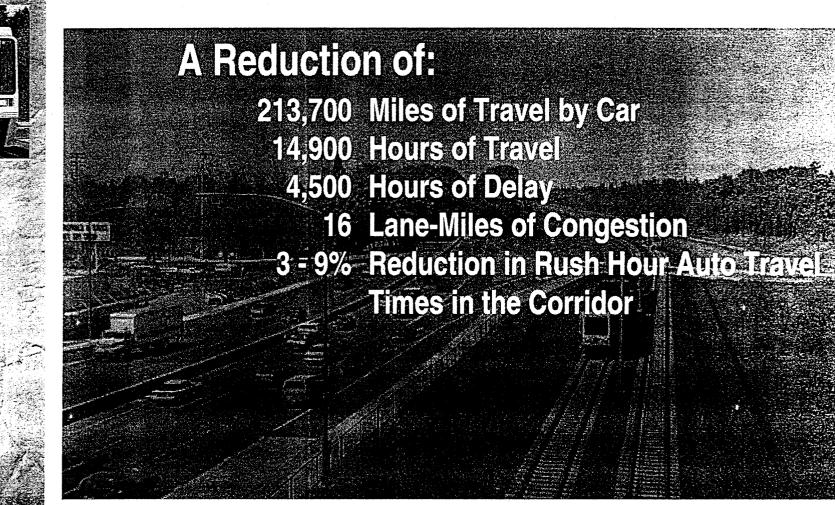


Based on a Federal Transit Administration Formula. Full-Length LRT compared to All-Bus System.





# Weekday Regional Traffic Relief

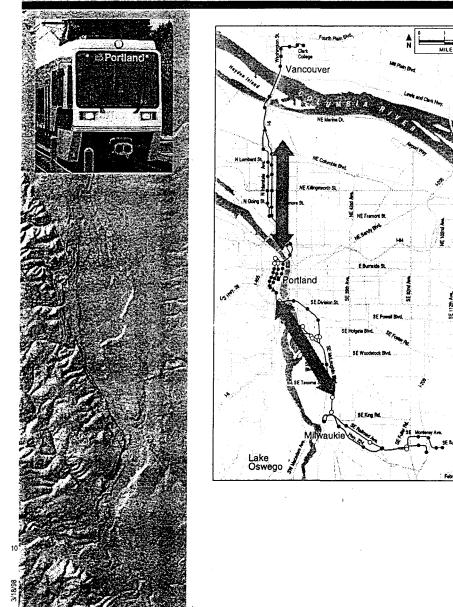






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# Weekday Rush Hour Radial Trips



### New Trips on Transit (1994 to 2015)

- All-Bus 6%
- South/North LRT 49%

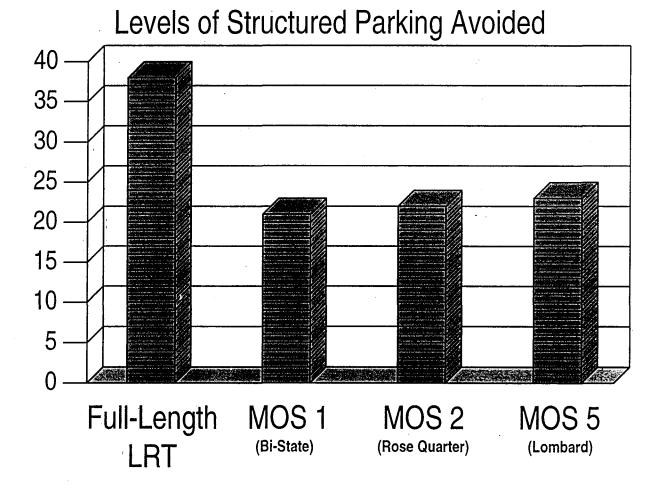
### Percent of Trips on Transit (2015)

- All-Bus 25%
- South/North LRT 38%





# Reduction in Demand for Parking in Downtown Portland

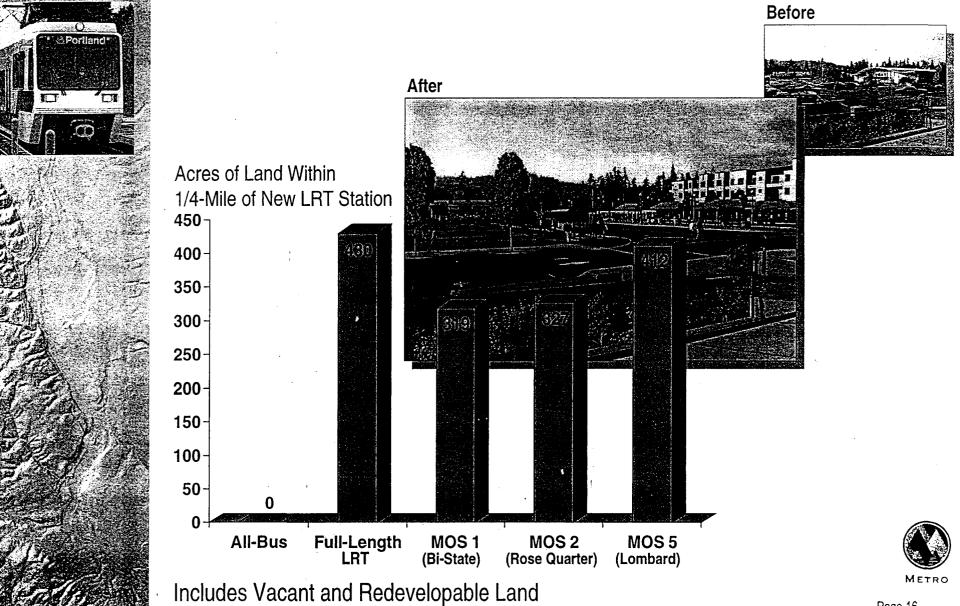


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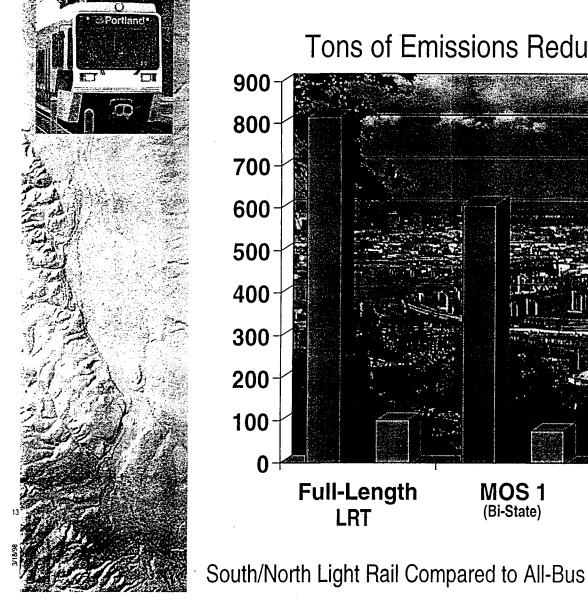
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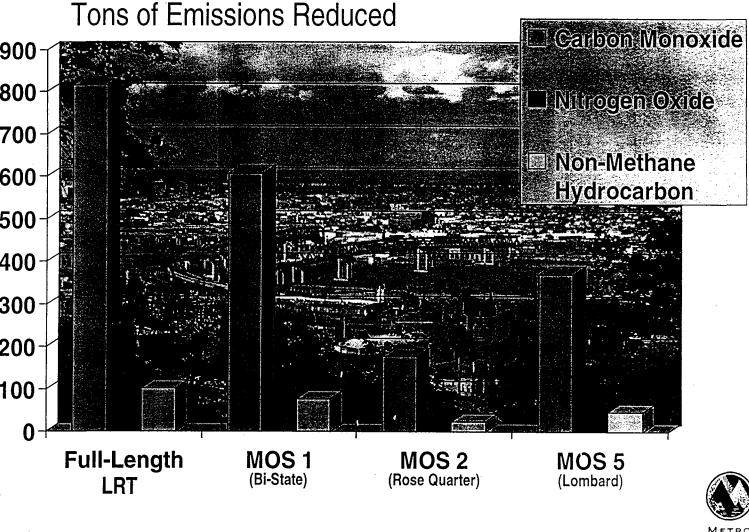
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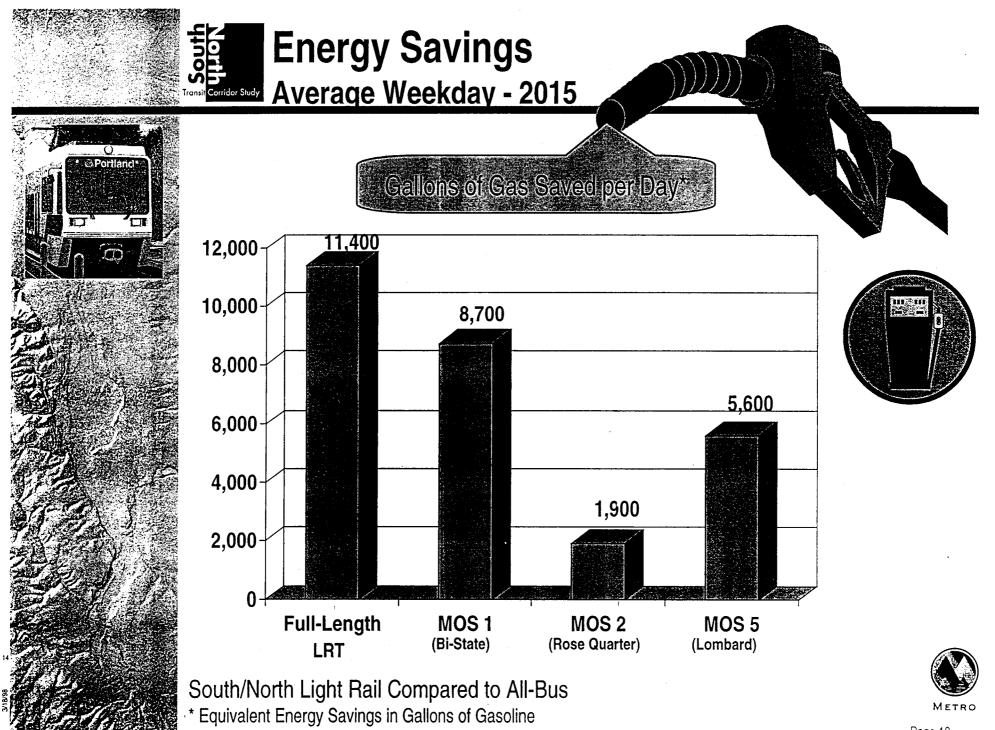


### **Air Quality Emissions Reduced** Annual - 2015 Corridor Study

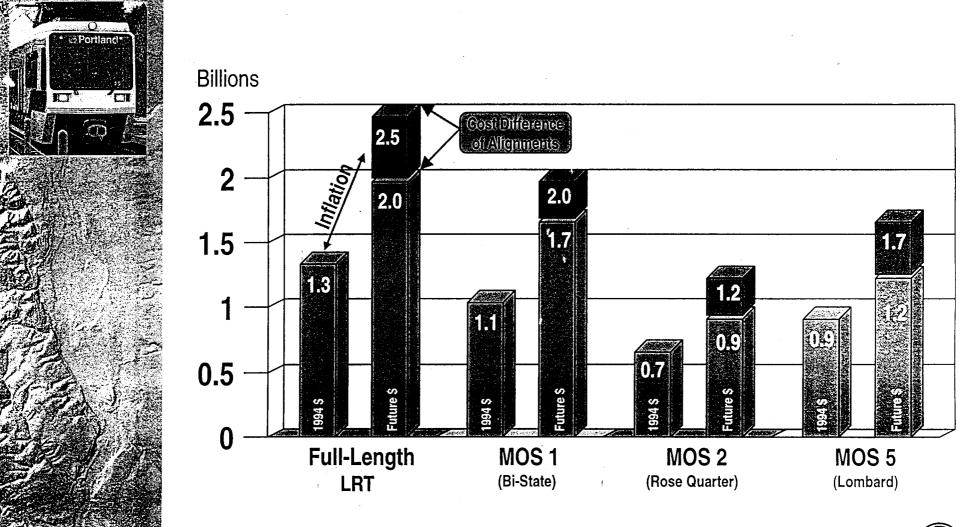




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## Light Rail Capital Cost 1994/Future \$



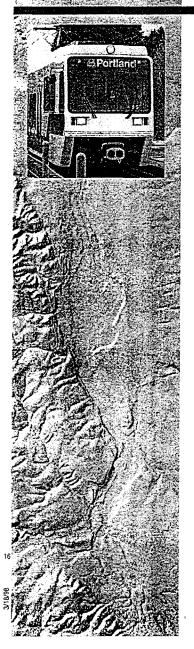


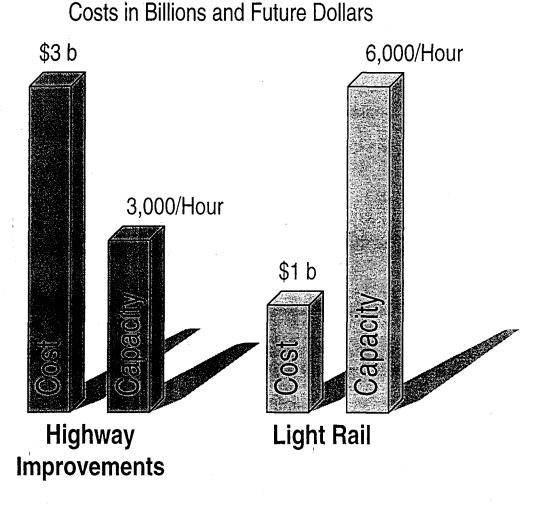
1994 Costs are Based on a Single Set of Alignments

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# Cost Avoidance

### **Confider Study** Increasing Capacity in the South Corridor





Highway Improvements = Add One Lane and Interchanges to SE McLoughlin and Highway 224 and Improvements to I-405





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Mr. Mike Burton Executive Officer, Metro 600 NE Grand Avenue Portland OR 97212

Dear Mr. Burton:

The Association for Portland Progress congratulates Metro for completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the South/North Light Rail Project.

As you know, APP represents over 80 of downtown Portland's largest employers, which include major financial and commercial institutions, utilities, and retail establishments. We have long advocated for the completion of the region's entire light rail system as the only way to ensure the continued health and economic vitality of downtown Portland and the central city. We frankly see no other way that the City can meet its housing and employment objectives for these critical districts without this project, as it is impossible to provide more access with increased roadway capacity.

We, therefore, offer strong encouragement to you and Tri-Met as you seek federal funding for this essential project. Please let me know if we can help you in any way in moving South/North light rail to construction.

Congratulations again for a job well done!

Sincer George Passadore Chair

cc

Tom Walsh, Tri-Met Vera Katz, Mayor Gretchen Kafoury, Commissioner Charlie Hales, Commissioner Erik Sten, Commissioner Jim Francesconi, Commissioner



One Center Court, Suite 200 Portland, Oregon 97227 503.234.9291

March 5, 1998

Mike Burton Executive Office Metro 600 N.E. Grand Avenue Portland, Oregon 97232

Dear Mike;

It was heartening to learn that Metro has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for South/North Light Rail. You and your staff are to be congratulated for driving forward and reaching this milestone.

The Portland Trail Blazers and the Oregon Arena Corporation have made a substantial investment in developing the Rose Quarter into a major destination in the region. Light rail, both the existing East/West line and the planned South/North line, played a key role in our selecting to develop at this location. We made clear choices to limit on-site parking and to rely heavily on bus and light rail access to Rose Quarter events.

The ridership on MAX to many events at the Rose Garden, Memorial Coliseum and Oregon Convention Center has at times been overwhelming. We anticipate that with the addition of South/North Light Rail even more of our patrons can utilize light rail and leave their cars at home. This will serve to further enhance our vision for the Rose Quarter as a lively, pedestrian oriented, entertainment complex located at the junction of the region's two major light rail lines.

We believe that further development of the region's light rail system is critical not only to the Rose Quarter but also to the rest of the region. We will continue to work with Metro, Tri-Met and the City of Portland to bring South/North Light Rail ever closer to a reality.

Sincerely,

. Isaac

Cc:

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Mr. Mike Burton Executive Officer METRO 600 NE Grand Portland, Oregon 97232-2736

Dear Mike:

I am writing to express my support for congressional reauthorization of Federal ISTEA funds for the proposed South/North light rail line. As Oregon's largest private employer, one of Fred Meyer's greatest challenges is helping our employees get to the work place in a cost effective, transit efficient manner. In order to respond to the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) federally mandated Clean Air Program, Fred Meyer has developed an Employee Commute Options (ECO) Program. Fred Meyer provides Tri Met monthly passes at half price to all employees to encourage transit ridership. In addition, we're working hard to expand our car and van pool program; more than 200 employees at our main office are now participating. We plan to keep enlarging that number.

As you are aware, we are strong proponents of the Caruthers Crossing Alignment which would place a light rail station at Lafayette and 19th; this is two and one-half blocks from our corporate office. As light rail is a regional mover and with approximately 7000 employees throughout the metro area, we're confident that many of our employees would take advantage of this mode of transit; it will get them to work quickly and with less stress than driving.

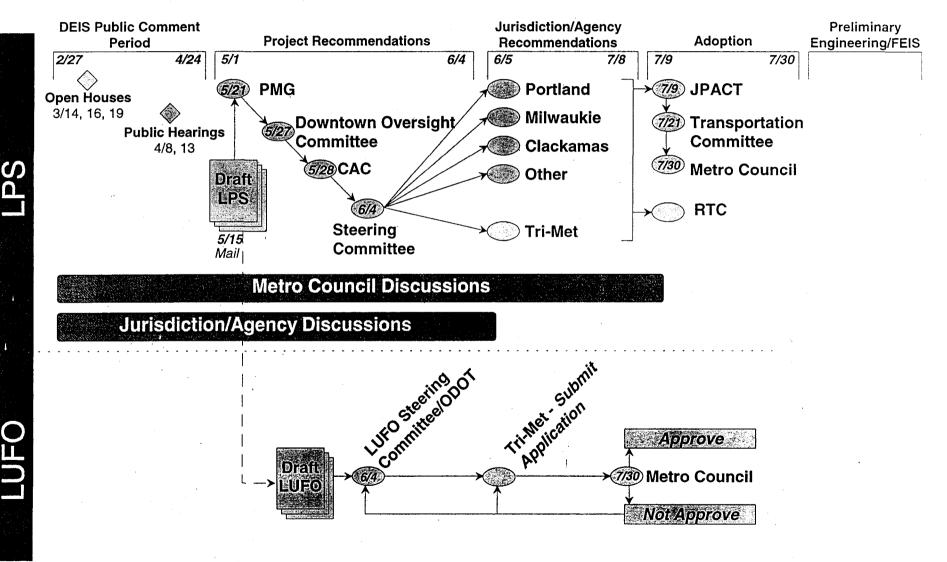
As a major food and merchandise retailer, our business depends on an efficient, responsive distribution system to get products to our stores and on the shelves. For us and other businesses, access is a key issue. If the number of vehicles on the road is reduced, faster and more cost efficient distribution will result. We believe light rail is an important component in Oregon's plan for a cohesive, balanced transportation system, one that will benefit the state in cleaner air, create better access to markets, and thus improve our economy

We are very proud of our tradition and role as Oregon's leading retailer and feel fortunate to be located in a part of the country where a proactive approach to planning is taken to ensure both livability and continued economic growth. Fred Meyer strongly supports the South/North Light Rail Project and looks forward to participating in the process as a member of the community.

Sincerel Mary Burczyk Senior Vide President

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### South/North Project Locally Preferred Strategy (LPS) and Land Use Final Order (LUFO) Adoption Process and Schedule



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### South/North public comment period opens

The South/North Project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is now available for review and comment. The DEIS provides citizens with a summary of the benefits, costs and impacts of the proposed South/North Light Rail Project and the all-bus (no-build) alternative. The comment period, through April 24, 1998; allows the public time to review and make comments on the environmental study.

**To receive publications** – The 700-page DEIS document, executive summary or other summary material is available by calling Metro's Transportation Hotline, (503) 797-1900. Or call 797-1756 to speak with a staff member. The DEIS document is available for review at public libraries and at Metro and Tri-Met offices.

**To receive information** – For more information, call the Transportation Hotline, 797-1900, and leave your name, address, ZIP code and phone number. Or call a staff member at 797-1756. You may also receive information by attending one of the South/North meetings listed below. Visit Metro's web site at www.metro-region.org or call Metro's listing on The Oregonian's Inside Line, 225-5555, option 3058.

### **Open Houses**

Open houses are scheduled for citizens to review materials and ask questions about the project. All meetings are wheelchair accessible. Free child care is available at the following three meetings:

### Saturday, March 14

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Oregon Convention Center
(Room 123 – 124)
777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Portland, OR
(Tri-Met bus No. 6, 8, 10 or MAX)

### Monday, March 16

4 to 8 p.m. Kaiser Town Hall ballroom 3704 N. Interstate Ave. Portland, OR (Tri-Met bus No. 5)

### Thursday, March 19

4 to 8 p.m. New Hope Community Church 11731 SE Stevens Road Hwy 205 and Sunnyside Road (Tri-Met bus No. 28, 29, 31, 71, 72 or 79 to Clackamas Town Center. Take shuttle No. 150, that comes on the hour and half-hour, and tell driver to let you off at the church.) Two meetings will present local options as follows:

## Monday, March 16

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Portland Building, Room C 1120 SW Fifth Avenue Portland, OR

## Monday, March 23

5 to 8 p.m. *Public Safety Building* 3200 SE Harrison Street Milwaukie, OR

# **Public hearings**

Three public hearings to take comments on the South/North DEIS are scheduled as follows. Free child care is available and all meetings are wheelchair accessible.

## Wednesday, April 8

Starting at 5:30 p.m. Monarch Hotel and Conference Center 12566 SE 93rd Avenue Clackamas, OR (Tri-met shuttle No. 150 leaves from Clackamas Town Center on the hour and half hour. Ask to be let off at the hotel.)

## Monday, April 13

Starting at noon Oregon Convention Center (Rm. 123-124) 777 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd. (Tri-Met bus No. 6, 8, 10 or MAX)

## Monday, April 13

Starting at 5:30 p.m. Oregon Convention Center (Rm. 123-124) 777 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd. (Tri-Met bus No. 6, 8, 10 or MAX)

#### Other ways to make public comments

- mail written comments to Leon Skiles, Metro's Transportation Department, 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232
- leave a message on the hotline, 797-1900 (option 1)
- fax written comments to (503) 797-1929
- send computer e-mail to southnorth@metro.dst.or.us
- if hearing impaired, call Metro's TDD line, 797-1804

#### All public comments are due at Metro by April 24, 1998. Ouestions – If you have any questions, call Metro at 797-1756.



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# South/North Project Schedule

February 27, 1998	Publish DEIS
April 24, 1998	Close Public Comment Period
June 4, 1998	Steering Committee Recommends LPS/LUFO
July 30, 1998	Metro Council Adopts LPS/LUFO
January 1999	FEIS Published in <i>Federal Register</i> with Adopted Finance Plan
January 1999	PE Complete
January 1999	Oregon Delegation Initiates Discussions with Authorizing and Appropriations Committees Concerning the Project's New Start Authorization and FY 2000 Appropriation
February 1999	FEIS Public Comment Period (30 days)
March 1999	FTA Issues Record of Decision and LONP
June 1999	FTA/Tri-Met Execute FFGA

Note: LPS = Locally Preferred Strategy; LUFO = Land Use Final Order; DEIS = Draft Environmental Impact Statement; FEIS = Final Environmental Impact Statement; FTA = Federal Transit Administration; LONP Letter of No Prejudice; FFGA = Full Funding Grant Agreement.

Historical Actions:

- 1. 1992 Hillsboro LRT allocation of \$22 million State & Regional STP
- 1992 extension of old "FAU" program to local governments for 2 more years - \$6.4 million Regional STP
- 3. 1993/94 CMAQ and Enhancement Allocation
- 4. 1994 STIP "Cut" Process:
  - Cut \$137 million of highways
  - Kept \$200 million of highways
  - Shifted \$34 million from highways to alternatives (\$18 million to transit; \$16 to 2040 implementation)
- 5. 1996 Region 2040 Implementation Program Allocation
  - \$16 million state funds; \$11 million Regional STP
  - integrated state/regional allocation
- 6. 1997 STIP/MTIP update to 98 2001
  - Highway program stretched out 2 more years due to funding shortfalls
  - Unallocated Regional Flex funds allocated to:
    - 1. \$13 million to ODOT flexed projects
    - 2. \$14 million to 2040 implementation

Allocation Process and Criteria:

- 1. Projects are ranked by mode:
  - Roadway Modernization
  - Roadway Preservation
  - Freight
  - Transit
  - Bike
  - Pedestrian
  - Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- 2. "Administrative" considerations are added:
  - Minimum phasing
  - Tie to other projects
  - Local or private overmatch
- 3. Recommended allocation funds best projects by mode based upon:
  - Support of 2040 objectives
  - Geographic Equity
  - Desire for multi-modal mix
  - Requirement for Air Quality Conformity

(There is no pre-determined sub-allocation to modes)

# 4. Ranking Criteria

• Support for 2040	40 points
• Effectiveness	25 points
Cost-Effectiveness	15 points
• Safety	20 points
TOTAL	100 points

Schedule

June, 1998	Kick-off process; establish funding levels; set criteria; solicit projects
September, 1998	Transportation Fair on process and candidate projects; deadline to submit application
November, 1998	Technical Ranking of Projects
December, 1998	JPACT release preliminary funding allocation for public comment
Jan./Feb. 1999	Statewide hearings
March, 1999	JPACT adopt final program for submission to OTC
April – June, 1999	Air Quality Conformity
July/August, 1999	OTC Adoption

Issues:

1. How to incorporate affects of ISTEA update.

2. Should the criteria be revised?

- Add affordable housing link to 2040 criteria
- Increase non-SOV emphasis
- Add criteria relating to Bike-To-Schools
- Provide incentive to implement Street Design Guidelines
- Increase emphasis on freight

3. Should there be a formula basis for making allocation between modes?

4. Should there be an integrated State/Regional Allocation or separate allocations?



## M E M O R A N D U M

March 19, 1998

TO: TPAC

FROM: KAndrew C. Cotugno

#### SUBJECT: Amendment of JPACT Technical Project Selection Criteria

In selecting transportation projects for receipt of regional funding, Metro evaluates a range of technical factors applicable to eight travel modes and assigns a technical ranking. The modes include: road reconstruction, modernization, freight, transit, bike, pedestrian, TDM and Transit Oriented Development. Since JPACT approval of the current criteria (Attachment 1), interest has been expressed in adding emphasis in the criteria in the areas of regional freight movement, bike to school proposals, added encouragement of non-SOV travel modes, and affordable housing. Additionally, some refinement of the 2040 Points may be desirable. In preparation for the FY 2000 STIP development process scheduled to begin in August, Metro proposes the following schedule to address these concerns.

Mid-April:	Convene TIP Subcommittee to recommend revision of technical criteria, if any
April TPAC:	Review Subcommittee recommendation
May JPACT:	Review Subcommittee and/or full TPAC recommendation
Mid-May:	Reconvene TIP Subcommittee to evaluate TPAC and JPACT responses
May TPAC:	Adopt final TPAC recommendation
June JPACT:	Review/approve JPACT Technical Ranking Criteria and submit for Council Consideration

ROAD MODERNIZATION	ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	FREIGHT	PEDESTRIAN	BICYCLE	TOD	TRANSIT	TDM
GOAL: Address 2040 Land Use Objectives (40 points)	GOAL: Address 2040 Land Use Objectives (40 points)	GOAL: Address 2040 Land Use Objectives (40 points)	GOAL: Address 2040 Land Use Objectives (40 points)	GOAL: Address 2040 Land Use Objectives (40 points)	GOAL: Address 2040 Land Use Objectives (40 points)	GOAL: Address 2040 Land Use Objectives (40 points)	GOAL: Address 2040 Land Use Objectives (40 points)
GOAL: Provide Mobility at a Reasonable Cost (15 points) Cost/VHD eliminated in 2015.	GOAL: Provide Mobility at Reasonable Cost (15 points) Cost/ VMT in 2015 (or VT at interchanges & intersections).	GOAL: Freight Mobility at Reasonable Cost (15 points) Cost/VHD eliminated in 2015.	GOAL: Provide Mobility at Reasonable Cost (15 points) Cost/VMT reduced in 2015.	GOAL: Provide Mobility at Reasonable Cost (15 points) Cost/ VMT reduced over and above the assumed 2015 ridership increases and VMT reductions.	GOAL: Cost-Effectiveness (15 points) Colst/VMT reduced in 2015.	GOAL: Provide Cost Effective Improvements (25 points) Cost per new ridership	GOAL: Cost Effectiveness (25 points) Cost/VMT reduced
GOAL: Reduce Congestion (25 points) (Project derives from CMS, consistent with 2015 per capita VMT targets) Compares base year V/C Ratio (pm peak hr & direction) against 2015 ratios with and without project.	GOAL: Bring facility to current urban standard or provide long-term maintenance. (25 points) Reward "fair" current pavement and "poor" pavement 10 years into future.	GOAL: Improve connectivity of the freight network (25 points) Connects to intermodal facility, to freight generation area or reduces conflicts for freight modes.	GOAL: Increase Walk Mode Share/Reduce Auto VMT (25 points) VMT reduction potential for pedestrian projects will be based on reducing automobile trips and making those trips by walking (or walking to transit) instead.	GOAL: Ridership (25 points) What is the project's potential ridership based on travel shed, existing socio-economic data and existing travel behavior survey data consistent with 2015 modal targets?	GOAL: Increase Non Auto Mode Share (25 points) Will the TOD project increase the number of transit, bike, walk trips over the number that would be expected from a development that did not include these public funds for the TOD project?	GOAL: Increase Modal Share (35 points) Benefits are computed in relation to the 2015 transit ridership target of a project site.	GOAL: Increase Modal Share (35 points) Mode share increase for (transit, bike, walk, shared-ride) or elimination of trip.
GOAL: Safety (20 points) Accident Rate per Vehicle (Use 1990 ODOT Accident Rate Book)	GOAL: Safety (20 points) Accident Rate per Vehicle (Use 1990 ODOT Accident Rate Book)	GOAL: Safety (20 points) Addresses high accident locations with special emphasis on hazardous road/rail situations.	GOAL: Safety (20 points) Project corrects an existing safety problem. Factors such as traffic volume, speed, road width, proximity to schools, and citizen complaints will be considered in determining critical safety problems.	GOAL: Safety (20 points) Factors include blind curves, high truck & auto volume, soft shoulders, high reported accident rate, high speeds.	GOAL: Increase Density (20 points) Does the TOD project increase the density of land uses within a one-fourth mile radius of transit above the level that would result without public funding of the TOD project?		

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# **EXPANDED 2040 CONSIDERATIONS**

		Points
1. Location	<ul> <li>The primary project benefit occurs within:</li> <li>Central City, Regional Centers on LRT, Industrial Sanctuaries</li> <li>Regional Centers with no LRT, Station Communities, Town Centers, Main Streets</li> <li>Outer neighborhoods, Employment Areas</li> </ul>	20 or 10 or 0
2. 2040 Target Density	• Base Year: Does the project serve an area with a higher than average density for its 2040 design type?	1992 5
	<ul> <li>In 2015: Does the project serve an area projected to exceed the average density for its design type by 2040?</li> </ul>	2015 5
3. Connectivity	• Does a project improve household access to total employment (compare base year access to 2015 conditions, with and without the project)?	5
	<ul> <li>Does a project help create an average of 10 local connections to the regional system per mile?</li> </ul>	
4. Street Design	<ul> <li>TSM Treatment (access control &amp; consolidation, signal intertie/timing, channelization)</li> <li>Multi-modal Boulevard Treatment (pedestrian amenities, bikeway, transit amenities, etc.)</li> </ul>	5

# Portland Regional Funding Allocations: FY 92 - 01 Inlcuding Regional Flexible Funds and State Resources

(\$ millions)

	State Funds	Congestion			
	State STP	Mitigation/	Transportation		Share of
	Regional STP	Air Quality (CMAQ)	Enhancement	Total	Total
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LRT System Expansion					
WS LRT System Expansion	\$44.00			\$44.00	
S/N LRT Expansion (99-09)	\$55.00	*(\$13.5 M by FY 01)		\$13.50	
Orenco Station (TOD)		\$0.50		\$0.50	
Gresham Civic LRT Station (TOD)	\$0.26	\$0.70		\$0.96	
Subtotal - LRT System	\$99.26	\$1.20	\$0.00	58.96	14.54%

	State Funds State STP Regional STP	CMAQ	TE	TOTAL	Share of Total
Transit Improvement					
Bus Purchases	\$25.75	\$7.36		\$33.11	
Special Needs Buses	\$1.25	\$0.54		\$1.79	
Tigard Park & Ride		\$0.65		\$0.65	
Oregon City Park & Ride		\$0.52		\$0.52	
Lake Oswego Trolley extension			\$0.80	\$0.80	
Subtotal - Transit	\$27.00	\$9.07	\$0.80	\$36.87	9.1%

	State Funds				
	State STP Regional STP	CMAQ	те ј	TOTAL	Share of Total
Demand Management					
Transit Oriented Development:					
Beaverton Central		\$0.44			
Belmont Dairy		\$0.30			
Fairview Village		\$0.37			
Gresham Central		\$0.28			
Steele Park		\$0.30			
172nd & Burnside		\$0.10			
TOD Revolving Fund	\$3.00				
TOD Reserve		\$0.26			
Subtotal - Reg. TOD Program	\$3.00	\$2.05		\$5.05	
Rideshare	\$0.36	\$3.02		\$3.38	
Telecommute Program		\$0.24		\$0.24	
Public Information Program		\$0.45		\$0.45	
Subtotal - TDM	\$3.36	\$5.76	\$0.00	\$9.12	2.2%

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(\$ millions)

	State Funds				
	State STP Regional STP	CMAQ	TE	TOTAL	Share of Total
Bike Improvements					
Bikes on Buses		\$0.10		\$0.10	
Willamette Bridge Access		\$1.10		\$1.10	
Courtney Road		\$0.16		\$0.16	
Steel Bridge		\$1.36		\$1.36	
Racks at Transit Shelters		\$0.06		\$0.06	
Springwater Corridor	\$0.17		\$2.25	\$2.42	
Halsey Bike Lane	\$0.81			\$0.81	
Eastbank Esplanade			\$1.59	\$1.59	
Strawberry Lane		\$0.23		\$0.23	
Cedar Hills Blvd.: Bowmont/Butner		\$0.35		\$0.35	
Hall Blvd.: SPRR/Ridgecrest		\$0.34		\$0.34	
185th: TV/Kinnaman	\$0.27			\$0.27	
BV/Tualatin Hwy: Lwr Boones	\$0.24			\$0.24	
BV/Tualatin Hwy: 99W/McDonald	\$0.39			\$0.39	
Oregon Electric Trail			\$0.13	\$0.13	
Fanno Creek Trail			\$0.30	\$0.30	
Cedar Creek Trail			\$0.08	\$0.08	
Front: Harrison/Everett	\$0.50			\$0.50	
Rock Creek Trail			\$0.27	\$0.27	
112th Extension			\$0.31	\$0.31	
Central Storage & Shower		\$0.28		\$0.28	
OR-43: McVey/Burnham	\$0.44			\$0.44	
Barbur: Miles/Front	\$2.94			\$2.94	
Subtotal - Bikes	\$5.76	\$3.98	\$4.93	\$14.67	3.6%

	State Funds				
	State STP				Share
	Regional STP	CMAQ	TE	TOTAL	of Total
Pedestrian Improvements					
Portland Ped. to Transit		\$1.16		\$1.16	
Wash. Co. Ped. to Transit		\$0.20		\$0.20	
Gresham Ped. to MAX	\$0.21	\$1.21		\$1.42	
Reg. Ped to MAX/Transit	·	\$0.15		\$0.15	
Hawthorne Brdg Ped/Bike Way			\$1.56	\$1.56	
Penninsula Trail Xing		\$0.58		\$0.58	
Sunset Transit Center O'Xing		· \$0.47		\$0.47	
Hillsdale District	\$0.52			\$0.52	
Woodstock District	\$0.20			\$0.20	
Forest Grove Pacific Ave.	\$0.09			\$0.09	
Subtotal - Pedestrian	\$1.02	\$3.77	\$1.56	\$6.35	1.6%

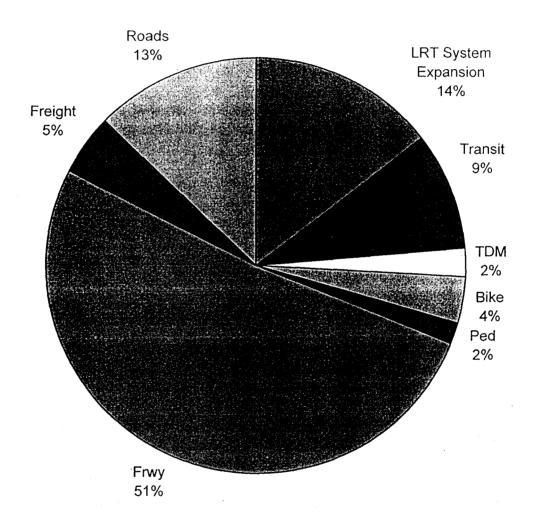
# Portland Regional Funding Allocations (pg. 3)

(\$ millions)

	State Funds State STP Regional STP	CMAQ	TE	TOTAL	Share of Total
Freeway Improvements					
I-5/217\Kruse Way	\$29.58			\$29.58	
I-5/Terwilliger Interchange	\$11.90			\$11.90	
Wilsonville Interchange	\$9.02			\$9.02	
I-205/Sunnybrook Intrchng	\$19.60			\$19.60	
US 26: Camelot/Sylvan Interchng	\$52.26			\$52.26	
US 26: Sylvan/Highlands	\$16.35			\$16.35	
I-84: 181st/223rd	\$24.04			\$24.04	
I-84: 223rd/Troutdale	\$30.50			\$30.50	
Region 1 Frwy Mngt System	\$15.70			\$15.70	
Subtotal - Roads	\$208.95			\$208.95	51.5%

	State Funds State STP				
	Regional STP	CMAQ	TE	TOTAL	of Total
Freight Improvements					
Columbia Slough RR Bridge	\$0.60	\$1.00		\$1.60	
N. Lombard RR O'Xing	\$1.09			\$1.09	
Albina RR O'Xing	\$0.60			\$0.60	
99W/Tualatin Rd.	\$3.00			\$3.00	
I-5/Stafford Interchange	\$10.27			\$10.27	
Columbia/Burgard Intersection	\$1.33			\$1.33	
1-205: Airport Way/Columbia	\$0.46			\$0.46	
Subtotal - Other	\$17.35	\$1.00		\$18.35	4.5%

	State Funds State STP			1	Share
_	Regional STP	CMAQ	TE	TOTAL	of Total
Road Improvements					
Sunnyside Road	\$6.40			\$6.40	
OR-43 TSM	\$3.35			\$3.35	
Johnson Crk Blvd Ph. II	\$0.80			\$0.80	1
Hawthorne Bridge Deck	\$3.13			\$3.13	
Front Ave. Reconstruction	\$1.87			\$1.87	
Beaverton Central	\$0.81			\$0.81	
Gresham Civic N/S Collector (TOD)	\$1.84			\$1.84	
Lovejoy Ramp Reconstruction (TOD)	<b>\$</b> 7.0 <del>9</del>	\$2.96		\$10.05	
Ramp Meters	\$0.56			\$0.56	
Sandy MACS	\$3.81			\$3.81	
238th/Halsey	\$0.38			\$0.38	
Hwy 217/Greenburg Rd.	\$0.36			\$0.36	
OR-47: Council Crk/Quince	\$7.13			\$7.13	
Farmington: Murray/167th	\$7.00			\$7.00	
TV Hwy: 110/117th Reconstr	\$3.10			\$3.10	
Mult. Co. Signals	\$0.36	\$0.94		\$1.30	
Wash. Co. Signals	\$0.44			\$0.44	
Col. Rv Hwy Interpretive Panels			\$0.05	\$0.05	
Subtotal - Roads	\$48.42	\$3.90	\$0.05	\$52.37	12.9%
GRAND TOTAL	\$369.61	\$28.68	\$7.34	\$405.63	100.0%



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